

# *General Information Regarding Sprinklers*

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## **SPRINKLER CONTRACTORS**

The State Of Maryland establishes licensing requirements for persons who inspect, test, perform maintenance, install, repair, modify, or lay out fire sprinkler systems in any residential or commercial building in Maryland. Licensing is conducted through the Maryland State Fire Marshal's office. This license is required prior to making a Sprinkler Fire Suppression Permit application in Frederick County.

A list of Licensed Sprinkler Contractors, License Applications and Regulations can be found on the State Fire Marshals webpage.  
<http://www.mdsp.org/Organization/OfficeoftheStateFireMarshal.aspx>

## **SPRINKLER SUPPRESSION SYSTEMS PERMITS**

Applications are accepted only from licensed installers for the sprinkler permit - AFTER the building permit is approved.

## **INSPECTIONS**

Typical *residential* inspections include insulation, visual leak test and a final. The final ensures that sprinkler heads provide proper coverage, trim rings in place & heads free of damage, paint or other foreign substance. Booster pumps and pressure/flow switches (if applicable) are tested at the final inspection. Request for inspections must be made by the installer of the sprinkler system.